

Notice: USDA APHIS Animal Care Horse Protection Meeting

This message is going out to all parties who may be interested in attending the meeting described below. Please feel free to circulate this announcement to whomever you feel would be interested in attending the meeting.

This meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in the Horse Protection program. We hope to see a large gathering of trainers, owners, HIO officials, show managers, and other interested parties in attendance.

Pre-registration as described below is requested because the meeting room to be used only holds up to 450 people.

## **Directions to MTSU James Union Building**

1. Take I-24 towards Murfreesboro to Exit 78B (it will loop you into the direction you need to go)
2. Go about 2.5 - 3 miles and take a Right onto Clark Blvd (your turn will be between a BP station and U-haul)
3. On Clark Blvd, which becomes Tennessee Blvd at some point, go about 1.5 miles and turn Right onto Bell St (it will be the 6th traffic light and it will be about .25 mile after you pass the MTSU sign and the tennis courts on the left)
4. Park in the lot on your Left
5. Walk across the street towards campus
6. James Union Bldg will be at your 11:00 position as you are crossing the street
7. Walk around to the Main Entrance and go to the Tennessee Room

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PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING: The meeting will be held at the Tennessee Room, James Union Bldg., Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN , (615) 898-2797, on Wednesday, August 4, 2004. Registration will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:00

p.m. Pre-registration is requested by e mail at [ACE@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:ACE@aphis.usda.gov) or by calling the Animal Care headquarters office at (301) 734-7833.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the symposia agenda, contact James Tuck, Senior management Analyst, Policy and Program Development, 4700 River Road unit 116, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-5819, or at [ACE@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:ACE@aphis.usda.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Animal Care is announcing a series of educational meetings on the new technology being tested to enforce the Horse Protection Act. The meetings are designed to provide a forum for information dissemination on various topics that are important for the horse industry to understand. This series of meetings will be held in various geographical locations to facilitate attendance by most of our regulated parties that maintain horses.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at the Four Points Sheraton, Lexington Kentucky. Additional meetings are being planned for August 2004 - October 2004 in Missouri and Oregon, dates and locations to be announced.

The agenda for the August 4, 2004 meeting is:

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Welcome and Overview
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Thermography Technology
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Sniffer Technology
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Other Horse Protection
Enforcement Issues	